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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, SU
SUBJECT: PROPOSED FMS SALE TO GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN OF AIR DEFENSE
RADAR AND MICROWAVE COMMUNICATIONS SETS

REF: STATE 109241 (NOTAL)

1. DCM ORALLY PROVIDED INFO CONTAINED REFTEL TO DEPUTY CHIEF
OF STAFF MAJOR GENERAL ABDEL MAJID HAMID KHALIL MAY 3.
AS HE HAD INDICATED TO DATT EARLIER THIS WEEK, MAJID SAID
SUDANGOV HAD NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED ABOUT RADAR PORTION OF
AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE. MAJID HAS TWO BASIC CONCERNS.

2. FIRST, HE NOT RPT NOT SURE SAUDIS WILL PAY. ACCORD-
ING TO MAJID SAUDIS HAVE RATHER CLEARLY COMMITTED THEM-
SELVES TO PAY FOR F-5 AIRCRAFT, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET
MADE SIMILAR COMMITMENT TO FINANCE RADAR PURCHASE.
AS USUAL MAJID URGED U.S. EITHER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE OR TO USE ITS OWN INFLUENCE WITH SAUDIS.

3. MAJID'S OTHER QUESTION IS WHETHER TECHNICALLY
IT IS NECESSARY TO USE U.S. RADAR AND OTHER U.S. EQUIP-
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MENT TO SUPPORT F-5 AIRCRAFT. HE ASSUMES THAT ANSWER
TO THIS QUESTION WILL BE PROVIDED DURING MEETINGS HERE
BEGINNING SATURDAY WITH F-5 TEAM.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE SUDANGOV PREFERS U.S. EQUIP-
MENT PROVIDING FINANCING WILL BE AVAILABLE. THEREFORE
USG SHOULD CONTINUE TO ACT AS THOUGH SALE WILL

PROVEED, AND MAJID MADE CLEAR THAT NO RPT NO FIRM
DECISION HAD BEEN MADE NOT RPT NOT TO OBTAIN U.S.
EQUIPMENT. NEVERTHELESS SHOULD FINANCING PROVE TO
BE A PROBLEM, AND ASSUMING TECHNICALLY IT IS POSSIBLE,
SUDANGOV WILL WISH TO BE ABLE TO USE OTHER, PRESUMABLY
FRENCH, EQUIPMENT WHOSE FINANCING IS NOT IN QUESTION.
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